(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) Blood donation camps can be held by only Government Blood Banks, Indian Red Cross Society Blood Banks or Blood Banks designated as Regional Blood Transfusion Centres by State Blood Transfusion Councils. Also, it is mandatory for all the Blood Banks to be licensed and to carry out mandatory tests for Transfusion Transmitted Diseases including HIV/AIDS before issue of blood for transfusion.

(c) and (d) All Blood Banks in the country are required to function as per the provisions of Drugs and Cosmetics Rules. Annual recurring grant to meet operational expenses are being provided to all Government and some voluntary sector blood banks.

Recognition of Medical College in Delhi

1931. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that MCI has refused to recommend a college in Delhi for recognition after a year of its inception, as appeared in the Indian Express, dated 3rd July, 2002;

(b) if so, the reasons for such a decision by MCI;

(c) what will happen to the students of this medical college;

(d) the problems being faced by this medical college and students; and

(e) the criteria fixed by MCI to recommend a medical college for recognition?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (e) The administrative approval was given by the Central Government for setting up of Vardhman Mahavir Medical College at Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi after satisfying itself of the facilities available. Permission for establishment of new medical college is given initially for a period of one year subject to renewal on annual basis till the college is recognised by the Medical Council of

India. The permission for the admission of 2nd batch of students during 2002-03 at Vardhman Mahavir Medical College, New Delhi has not been arranged so far for want of verification of infrastructure, teaching and other facilities. The question of recognition of the college will arise only when the first batch admitted in the college will appear for final year examination.

Upgradation of PHCs in A.P.

1932. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal from the Government of Andhra Pradesh has been received in his Ministry for its approval to seek financial and technical assistance from Germany for upgrading Primary Health Care in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, when such a proposal was received in his Ministry; and

(c) the action contemplated in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) No, Sir. No proposal has been received from Government of Andhra Pradesh for financial and technical assistance from Germany for upgradation of Primary Health Centres (PHCs) in Andhra Pradesh.

Study on Blood Quality

1933. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to news-item captioned, "Your blood won't do: Rotary tells rickshaw pullers", which appeared in the Indian Express, dated 15th June, 2002;

(b) if so, the factual position in this regard;

(c) whether any study on blood quality has been conducted by Government;